

# Blow, Wind, Blow!

Dom Conlon and Anastasia Izlesou

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A poetic introduction to the many wonders of wind by CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway nominated author and illustrator team Dom Conlon and Anastasia Izlesou

Following the success of children's picture books *Leap, Hare, Leap!* and *Swim, Shark, Swim!*, Dom Conlon and Anastasia Izlesou tackle another natural phenomenon – the wind. As Dom writes: 'Chase Wind through the oceans, fields and mountains as, from zephyr to gale, she carries seeds and stirs seas, enriching the world and breathing life'.

Dom and Anastasia guide the reader through the journey of one gust of wind using rich poetic language and amazing illustrations. *Blow, Wind, Blow!* shows children how wind affects almost every aspect of our daily lives, moving windmills in Holland to irrigate land and crops, flying kites in Paris, sailing boats in the Pacific, creating sandstorms in Chad and Sudan and hurricanes in Florida before settling back down to the gusts we encounter at home.

The story is illustrated with incredible artwork by Anastasia Izlesou and completed with fascinating facts about the wind and definitions of some of the more complicated language used in the text.

Each book in the Wild Wanderers series takes a gentle and lyrical journey through biodiversity, the environment and its challenges to unlock a world of wonder. With rich language and enchanting art, Wild Wanderers is a landmark series delivering STEAM education from the heart and features fascinating facts about the principal species and topics in order to embed a love of science and the natural world into children of all ages.



## Blow, Wind, Blow!

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## Praise for the Wild Wanderers series:

*Leap, Hare, Leap!* was nominated for the **CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medal 2021**

'A sumptuously illustrated, powerful poem with a repeated refrain.' **Imogen Russell Williams, The Guardian** (*Swim, Shark, Swim!*)

'A poetic journey as we learn more about the mythical beauty of hares at the same time introducing themes of bio-diversity, environment & predators to a younger audience.' **Picture Book Blogger** (*Leap, Hare, Leap!*)

'It is the best kind of literature having a glorious combination of words and pictures which cast a spell over the reader.' **Just Imagine** (*Swim, Shark, Swim!*)

## Notes to Editors

### Wild Wanderers series:

- Leap, Hare, Leap! – publication July 2020
- Swim, Shark, Swim! – publication February 2021
- Blow, Wind, Blow! – publication June 2021
- Shine, Star, Shine! – publication October 2021

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**Dom Conlon** is a double Carnegie-nominated poet and author whose work is guided by nature and the stars. He's written poetry and picture books, fact and fiction – sometimes all in the same book. Nicola Davies said *Leap, Hare, Leap!* is 'full of the lushness of summer'. Chris Riddell said *This Rock That Rock* contained 'words and pictures that are quite simply out of this world'. Dallas Campbell said *Meet Matilda Rocket Builder* is 'a must read for all aspiring rocket scientists'. Dom hopes to inspire everyone to read and write poetry. Dom is based in Chorley, Lancashire.

**Anastasia Izlesou** is a multidisciplinary illustrator and designer from the UK. Using a mix of digital and traditional media, she creates vibrant work full of bold natural elements. Her inspirations range

from natural sciences, literature and folklore to everyday items and objects of kitsch. The *White Hare*, published by Graffeg, was Anastasia's first published book, followed by *Leap, Hare, Leap!* and *Swim, Shark, Swim!* in this Wild Wanderers series. Anastasia is based in Bournemouth.

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